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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, Applicants herewith submit the publications and/or patents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed:

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It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form(s) PTO-1449 be made of record in this application. Copies of these documents (CHECK ONE):

- X   are enclosed herewith; or  
— have been cited in the parent application, and are thus not being resubmitted herein.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

#### FEE AUTHORIZATION

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Respectfully submitted,

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